

IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

A half century ago in Norwich the residents of the town were greatly interested in the agitation for the establishment of a public reading room. In the interests of the movement a large-attended meeting was held that week in the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic where the matter was quite freely discussed. The result was that a committee of fifteen prominent gentlemen were named to consider and bring some plan for the establishment of an organization under which the reading room would be operated.

The New London County Agricultural society held a meeting the same week to make preliminary plans for the fair of 1921. The date being set for the last week in September. (Uncas Lodge, No. 11, L. O. O. F., held a meeting that week to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the institution of Odd Fellowship in America. Interesting extracts from the files of The Norwich Bulletin of April, 1871, are as follows:

Monday, April 24, 1871.—It is rumored that the Versailles government has paid the first installment of the war indemnity, 500,000,000 francs, and that the German troops in nonobedience are evacuating the fertile north and east of the city of Paris.

The annual reunion of the 21st C. V. will be held at Williamstown on the 16th of May next.

We understand that the steamer Sunbeam is soon to be overhauled and put

in condition for the summer and will run between this city and Watch Hill as usual.

Some of the inhabitants of Laurel Hill are anticipating high old sport this summer. They have made up their minds that the new school house is bound to tumble down and it is said they go in procession every morning to the place in eager expectation of seeing the fun begin.

A train will shortly be placed on the New London Northern road to connect at New London with the last train from New York and to reach Norwich about nine in the evening.

Tuesday, April 25, 1871.—A public meeting was held in the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic last evening to consider the question of establishing a reading room, and if the plan submitted were thought feasible, to take the initial step towards its accomplishment. About 100 gentlemen were present. The subject was quite freely and informally discussed. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to present plans for an organization: John T. Adams, Edward Harland, Rev. Daniel Merriam, J. P. Collins, J. B. Carey, J. W. Steadman, Henry Hill, Wm. A. Allen, E. B. Trumbull, E. B. Whittemore, G. A. Jones, Jr., J. Blackstone, Jas. A. Hovey, A. C. Hall, J. W. Carroll.

The Norwich Wheel company, not long ago established in this city, is now manufacturing a patent metal tire, an article as novel in its construction as useful in its perfected state. The wheel

has already been extensively introduced, meeting with great favor, and being pronounced superior to any manufactured even to that of the New Haven Wheel company. All kinds are constructed at the manufactory on the Greenville road from the slight buggy wheel to the ponderous ox cart wheel.

A meeting of the bar yesterday it was voted to recommend to the legislature to reduce the number of terms of the superior court of common pleas from ten to six and to confer upon it all criminal jurisdiction except imprisonment for life and capital punishment.

Wednesday, April 26, 1871.—A special meeting of the executive board of the New London County Agricultural society was held in this city Monday. John P. Barstow, W. C. Osgood and T. Y. Winslow were appointed a committee to take charge of the ground and buildings left for any legitimate purposes and put them in proper condition for the annual fair. It was voted that the annual fair be held on the 26th, 27th and 28th days of September, 1921, and that the premium list be the same as last year.

Residents of Greenville are convinced of an urgent need of an amendment to the village charter, enabling them to restrict the streets and establish a police force and a petition to this end will probably be presented to the next general assembly.

Thursday, April 27, 1871.—Uncas lodge, No. 11, L. O. O. F., held a large session last evening in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. Interesting historical and general addresses relative to the past and present condition of the order were made. Uncas lodge is one of the most flourishing in this section, its capabilities for good are large and its membership is steadily increasing.

A sub-committee of three has been appointed by the committee of fifteen on the reading room to investigate the plans of similar institutions in Hartford, Worcester and Providence, and report. A public meeting will probably not be again called for several days.

We understand that Messrs. A. C. Hall and S. C. Morgan will contribute \$15,000 towards the establishment of a home for old ladies as soon as there is a public movement to that end.

Friday, April 28, 1871.—Yesterday morning a blast in a ledge on Division street where the foundation for a building is being prepared, hurled a rock weighing half a ton against the house of Jared Dennis opposite, smashing in nearly the entire front below the second story. Fortunately the house was unoccupied and no one was injured by what appears to have been gross carelessness on the part of the workmen.

The steamer City of New York which has been thoroughly repaired for the summer campaign, takes her place on the line tomorrow night.

The early and late train to and from New London which has been so generally desired, will make its first trip Monday morning, leaving this city at quarter past six. At New London it will connect with trains on the Stonington and Providence and Shore Line railroads, returning about nine o'clock in the evening.

Saturday, April 29, 1871.—A new turnout was completed on the Greenville line of the horse railroad yesterday evening, enabling the company to dispatch cars every fifteen minutes.

Although the atmosphere has not been remarkably clear, Laurel Hill people are getting restless because they can see ninety-five millions of miles when the sun shines.

The first horse trot of the season took place at the fair ground yesterday between three Battle horses entered by Henry Chamberlain, Richard Sheehan and Richard Borphy for a purse of \$100, best

two in three to harness. Only two heats were trotted. Borphy's horse winning easily in 3:05 1-2 and 3:30. The track was very heavy.

SUNDAY SUBJECTS

Christian Science services 10:45 a. m. in Thayer building, Room 215. Sunday school at 11:50 a. m.

Forum of the Norwich Musical Dramatic association meets at 4 p. m. at 15 1/2 Main street, Carroll block.

At Park Congregational church, sermon at morning service by the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. M. Howe. Sunday school at noon.

At Trinity Episcopal church, Holy Communion and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Church school at noon. Evening service at 7:30.

At Christ Episcopal church, holy communion at 8 a. m. Holy communion and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Church school 12 m. Evening prayer 7:30.

At the Holiness Mission, 213 Main street, praise and prayer service at 10 a. m. Bible class and Sunday school at 2 p. m., preaching at 3 and 7:30 p. m.

At the Central Baptist church, Rev. Joseph C. Robbins, D. D., will preach morning and evening. Italian service at 10:45. Sunday school and City Bible Class for men at noon. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

At the Spiritual Academy, Park street, Mrs. Isabel C. Bradley of Boston, noted ballad medium and psychic will give psychic readings and clairvoyant descriptions, following addresses by the pastor, Rev. Albert P. Blinn at 2 and 7:30 o'clock.

At the Greenville Congregational church, morning worship with sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Ricketts. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Young People's society at 2 p. m. At the meeting Rev. A. H. Abbott of the United church will speak.

At Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, holy communion at 10:30. Sunday school noon. Epworth League at 6:30. Leader, Arliff Haddad, subject, The Kingdom Come in My Community. 7:30 sermon on The Penalty of Unbelief, Rev. Robert L. Roberts, pastor.

At the First Baptist church, George Henry Strouse, minister. At the morning service the Lord's supper will be observed and the pastor will preach. Bible school at 12 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30. The pastor will preach an illustrated sermon on Christ.

At the United Congregational church, Rev. Alexander H. Abbott, minister. Morning sermon. A Communion Service. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. At the home-time at 6:30 at the Community house Mr. Abbott will continue on the subject How Our Church Came to Be.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Universalist, Rev. George H. Welch, minister. 10:30 a. m. sermon, subject, The Foundation of the Kingdom of God—His Consummation. 12 m. the Bible school. 6:30 p. m. the Y. P. C. U. devotional meeting. 7:30 p. m. service at Sheltering Arms.

At the Federated church, R. Daniel Trick, pastor. 10:30 morning worship. The Lord's supper will be observed. The theme for the address will be Communion Questionnaire. 11:45 the Bible school. 6:30 p. m. the Christian Endeavor; the topic will be The Kingdom Come in My Country, leader, the president, Henry Sebastian. 7:30 evening service, the theme for the sermon, The Diversified Fewer.

At Mt. Calvary Baptist church, Rev. E. Elias Jackson, pastor. 11 a. m. theme, Christ in the House. Sunday school 12:30, evening 7:30. Theme, Keep Christ in.

UNCASVILLE

Miss Jennie Finegan was honored at a dinner given recently by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Avery at their bungalow on Hill-top Miss Finegan leaves for a new position and will make her home with her sister Mrs. E. R. K. Johnson at Croton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. Many friends were present at the dinner and an enjoyable evening followed.

Max Frieberg of Providence, R. I., was given a party Thursday evening at the Frieberg home in Uncasville when his sister, Miss Yetta Frieberg, entertained several young people of the village and elsewhere in his honor. Mr. Frieberg is spending several days at his home. Potted plants and flowers served as decorations. Songs and various games made the evening an enjoyable one. Miss Frieberg served lunch. Those present were, Miss Sophia Morozky, Miss Edith Horvitz of Uncasville, Miss Friedella White of New London, Miss Dora Richards, Miss Melvina Richards, Jack Sears, William Murphy, William Yank, Eugene O'Brien of New Haven, Louis Appel of New York, Miss Yetta Frieberg and Max Frieberg.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church has voted to follow out the usual custom on Memorial day of serving the men who participate in the parade and exercises at the Comstock cemetery a luncheon at noon, in the chapel. As usual the America Council, No. 34, O. U. A. M., has charge of the program and is planning to have a bigger day than ever before. The next meeting of the Ladies Aid society will be in the chapel and more dress forms will be made at this time.

The four act comedy, "Seven Wishes," attracted a large audience to the chapel Friday evening. The players were members of Miss Henrietta Gridley's Sunday school class of the Baptist church in Palmerstown with several assistants, and played in Uncasville under the auspices of the Epworth league. A social time was enjoyed and cake, ice cream and candy were on sale. The cast of the play follows:

Miss Vera Burgess
Miss Gullford
Miss Wendworth
Miss J. Macauley
Miss Glendon
Miss Dorothy Rogers
Miss Dorothy Chapman, Alice Chapel
Charlotte and Kathleen Morris, all as Charley and Kit twins
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Sylvia
Misses Dorothy Chapman, Alice Chapel
Phoebe Preston
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Miss Thaler (a widow)

Mrs. Arthur Haisell

Mrs. Lillian Spencer

Mrs. Mark Furber

Mrs. Frederic Couch

Miss Kane and Miss Louise Mason

were visitors in New Haven Sunday

making the trip in their new sedan.

Louis Coman, of Pequot, has purchased from Frank Bentley a plot of land at Hilltop and is planning to erect a bungalow and garage.

Roy Keller of the Norwich Y. M. C. A., occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday. In the absence of

Rev. C. C. Tibbitts, pastor, who recently underwent an operation at a Syracuse hospital. Mr. Tibbitts is getting along well.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Avery spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Avery at her home in South Windham.

Mrs. John Boham entertained Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, of Windham.

Men are grading the lawn in front of the new school building and setting out shrubbery and trees.

The Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Ralph A. Mercer Thursday.

Mrs. Leland Chapel and her brother-in-law, William Chapel, of Norwich were recent visitors in the village.

It's easier for a married man to stop a runaway horse than his wife's tongue.

CANTERBURY GREEN

The meeting of the Ladies Aid society at the church Tuesday proved most successful socially and in the amount of work accomplished. A substantial luncheon was served at noon to those present. Others came in the afternoon at the usual hour. Two comfortable were left and quilting upon the tables was well begun. This last was of old fashioned place work and is the property of Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, it having been in the family for many years.

George Rowland has been in town this week and had his household goods moved to the home of his son in Pequot. All regret the removal from the town of the last of a family whose home for 47 years has been here. Mr. Rowland has always been a respected resident and for a number of years was a deacon of the Congregational church. The death of his wife a few months ago led him to sell his home and make his home with his children, who are all living elsewhere.

Walter Davis, who returned home last week, is much improved in health. Miss Ada A. Marriott of Providence, spent Sunday with her parents.

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Albert Greene of Griswold visited his son, Rufus Greene, Sunday.

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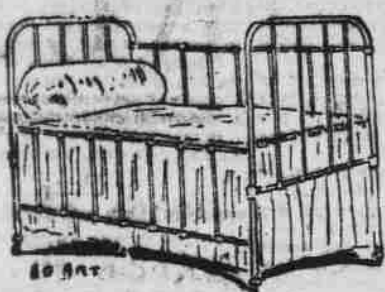
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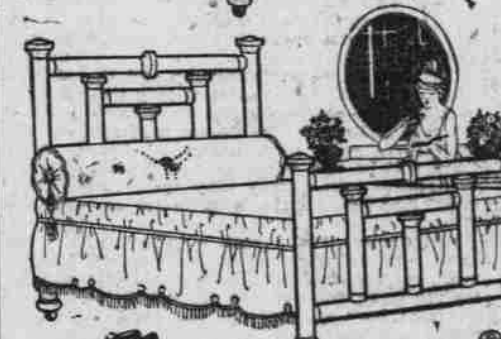
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